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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! We've got everything you need to plan the perfect Conference experience. And have you applied for any of our scholarships lately? What are you waiting for?

Student Spotlight



Staying local (this time)

Kari Lindberg, a student at Oklahoma State University, has already traveled to Las Vegas, Orlando, and Houston to attend past NCRA Conference & Expos. But next month, when she heads to the Conference in Minneapolis, she won't have to travel far. It's just down the road from her home in Shoreview, Minn.

[Read more.](#)

Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting or captioning program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

NCRA Conference & Expo

Things to know before you go to #NCRAMinneapolis!

Students, get ready for the largest gathering in the country of court reporters, captioners, and videographers at the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo in Minneapolis, Minn., July 24-26. This isn't just an event; it's an opportunity to "elevate your impact" by building connections, gaining new insights, and kickstarting your career. Registration is still open.

[Read more.](#)



**Students welcome: MMO Committee hosts
special giveaway at #NCRAMinneapolis**



We're gearing up for the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo next week in Minneapolis, Minn., and we've got a special treat just for student attendees! NCRA and the Membership, Marketing, & Outreach (MMO) Committee are excited to announce the Conference Student Giveaway! Beginning Thurs. July 24, at 8 a.m., students are encouraged to pick up a free gift courtesy of the MMO Committee.

[Read more.](#)

Be sure to stop by the Expo Hall to learn about the latest products and services

The 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo is just around the corner, and this year the Expo Hall is jam-packed with vendors displaying the latest in new products and services to support the court reporting, captioning, and legal videography professions.

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Student Achievements



NCRA is proud to offer the Student Fast Lane program to recognize student speed accomplishments. NCRA reaches out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds.

[Read more.](#)



Up-to-Speed congratulates these students on completing their education!

[Read more.](#)

Student Pathways



“I’m sorry, you’re doing what?”

By Cindi Lynch

I know every machine [Stenograph](#) has ever made inside and out, and I know enough theory that I can position my fingers on the keys and write well enough to demonstrate various CAT software features. But I cannot do what my students do: Write at the speed that speakers speak. So at the age of 61, I became an online student at [Clark State/Stark State College](#). Today I’m in speedbuilding, currently at 80 wpm.

[Read more.](#)

How to get the most of our steno scholarship opportunities

By Liane Hatch

In my three-plus years as a court reporting student, I’ve seen time and again just how eager many working court reporters are to watch steno students succeed. NCRA and NCRF offer a bevy of scholarships and grants for students, interns, and new professionals. And if we’re not applying for them ... we’re leaving money on the table.



[Read more.](#)

Student Scholarships

**Next round of student scholarship applications
opens Aug. 1**



CASE Student Scholarships
NCRF A to Z® Scholarships

Open Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

Several scholarship opportunities for court reporting and captioning students are set to open Aug. 1. Students who have completed an NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program may be eligible for one of 15 NCRF A to Z Scholarships. And students enrolled at NCRA-approved education programs are encouraged to apply for one of five CASE Student Scholarships.

[Read more.](#)

Career Launcher Student Scholarship deadline – Sept. 12

Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship. The award covers the cost to participate in the student program, which is \$100 for members and \$175 for nonmembers. Interested students can apply for the next drawing by the deadline of Sept 12.

[Read more.](#)

Practice Depositions from the Comfort of Your Home

Career Launcher is the innovative professional training program designed for anyone who needs a crash course in the life of a deposition reporter.

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 Apply for a Scholarship by **Sept. 12**



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Save the date

NCRF Student Intern Scholarships | The NCRF Student Intern Scholarship is a \$2,000 award given annually to four high-achieving court reporting/captioning students who have completed the internship portion of their education. Applications open Sept. 2.

[Learn more.](#)

How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

JOIN NCRA as a student member and get access to discounts on testing, Conference registration, study guides, and more.

CONTRIBUTE to *Up-to-Speed* by submitting articles, study tips, questions for reporters and instructors, and other suggestions.

LEARN about upcoming scholarship opportunities.

TELL US how we're doing. NCRA welcomes your feedback.

Testing Center

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens Aug. 1 testing in September.

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration opens Sept. 1 for testing in October.

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